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MEDIA

OC Register: Reporter Aaron Orlowski is writing a story about EPA taking over work at the North Basin sight in Orange County. Spoke to John Lyons and Caleb Shaffer. Story to run tomorrow. SFUND. CLOSED. (v). Nahal Mogharabi.

Los Angeles News Group: Reporter Stephanie Baer was looking for information on green algae toxins in CA. Sent her some links online. Had follow up question regarding where she can get some data results for toxicity testing. WATER. OPEN. (v). Nahal Mogharabi.

Tahoe Daily Tribune: Reporter Jack Barnwell has questions about EPA's recent approval of the amendment of the Lahontan WQ Control Plan and wants to learn more about the use of herbicides and pesticides in Lake Tahoe. His deadline is next Monday. Waiting for program to review and approve response. WATER. OPEN. (v.) Soledad Calvino.

News coverage on Tuesday's announcement on pesticide settlements (Soledad Calvino):

- **Casa Grande Dispatch:** [Fertizona Settles with EPA](#)

WEB

Social Media:

Climate Change/Pollution Prevention – Posted to our [Twitter](#) page about Administrator's McCarthy's HuffPost Green blog, [The Pope's Visit - Renewing the Call to Act on Climate](#).

Urban Waters Grants RFP – At the request of headquarters, posted to our [Facebook](#) page about the [Urban Waters Small Grants Request for Proposals](#) being open now for applications.

Web Updates:

Air Maps – Posted updated maps and related materials to the [Region 9 PM2.5 Map page](#).

Online Updates:

New Faces – Posted the latest edition of [New Faces](#), featuring 14 new Region 9 staff.

CONGRESSIONAL & INTERGOVERNMENTAL

Appropriations Update: Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell moved to set up a vote on a clean spending bill that would avert a government shutdown on October 1st, although House Speaker John Boehner still has not said whether his chamber will take up the Senate legislation. McConnell made the move after a measure that would have defunded Planned Parenthood failed to win even a majority of Senate votes on Thursday afternoon – *Politico*

Rep. Lois Capps (D-CA-24): Brent Maier followed up on an earlier request from Aaron Shapiro in the Congresswoman's DC Office and Wendy Motta in the Congresswoman's District Office to let them know that we are not able to send an EPA representative to participate in the upcoming Central Coast Sustainability Summit on October 14, 2015 at UCSB. Brent thanked them for extending the offer and our regrets that we were not able to send a representative.

Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA): Brent Maier received an inquiry from Ken Rooney in the Senator's DC Office who wanted to discuss the Cargill Salt Pond issue. Brent reached out to both Water Division's Jason Brush and Chief of Staff Jessica Kao for guidance on who should be on a follow up call and Jessica suggested that I contact Ken to inquire about some more details on the issues he wishes to discuss about Cargill. Brent has reached out to Ken and is awaiting word back with some additional details on his interests regarding Cargill.

Rep. Tom McClintock (R-CA-4): OCIR's Carolyn Levine referred an inquiry from Matt Reed in the Congressman's Roseville District Office who stated that a constituent contacted their office to say that EPA had issued an advisory to residents in the aftermath of the Butte Fire in Calaveras County prohibiting them from returning to their property. Brent Maier reached out to Superfund's Harry Allen and confirmed that U.S. EPA has not issued any advisory to residents in the aftermath of the Butte Fire regarding their return to their property. Harry mentioned that the advisory that their constituent mentioned was likely issued by Lake County Health Department and the Lake County Local Assistance Center set up to help residents in the aftermath of the fire in their community. Brent shared a link to the Lake County Local Assistance Center for any follow up. Here is a link to the <http://www.lakecountyloc.com/>

Meeting Request by Association of California Water Agencies: OCIR's Denis Borum alerted Region IX to the interest by Abby Schneider,

Ph.D., Senior Federal Relations Representative, with the Association of California Water Agencies who would like to have a joint Region IX and HQ conference call with some of their members to discuss specific water conveyance systems, particulars regarding their geographic and hydrologic conditions, past and current status, and discuss their thoughts on specific NPDES permit provisions. Brent Maier has shared the interest in this meeting with Water Division's John Kemmerer, David W. Smith, Paul Amato, and Kate Rao and sent a note to Abby Schneider with the Association of California Water Agencies for suggestions on dates and times that would work on their end and confirm both Region IX and HQ staff availability to participate. Brent received a note back from Abby Schneider indicating that she will coordinate with her folks and email us a few suggested date/times soon.

Upcoming Congressional Hearings Next Week:

Tuesday September 29, 2015 – Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works - Will hold a hearing entitled, *"Economy-wide Implications of President Obama's Air Agenda."*

Witnesses: EPA's Janet McCabe. 10:00am ET. Room 406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

<http://www.epw.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/hearings?ID=4E639273-4466-4545-8761-10AE9CBFF339>

Wednesday September 30, 2015 - Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works - Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Water will hold a hearing entitled, *"Oversight of the Army Corps of Engineers' Participation in the Development of the New Regulatory Definition of 'Waters of the United States'"* Witnesses: TBA. 10:00am ET. 406 Dirksen Senate Office Building.

<http://www.epw.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/hearings?ID=4F8EF1D1-CE2E-4387-AA6C-6674ACFBBECC>